

Duckworth Schoolhouse
AL-VI-D-198
Stoney Run Road, Westernport
ca. 1867

In 1867, two years after the establishment of Allegany County's public school system, the Board of School Commissioners purchased a tract of land "for the purpose of free school." This school was identified as the "Duckworth Settlement School" in Scharf's 1881 inventory of county schools. The building was probably erected in 1867 in the isolated Stoney Run area northeast of Westernport. The Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Company operated coal mines in the neighborhood of the school.

The one room schoolhouse is a simple gabled frame structure with german siding. Entrance was originally through a gabled vestibule offset on the south. It is one of the earlier schools built under the county's public school system.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Duckworth Schoolhouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Stoney Run Road

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Westernport

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED☒ STATUS☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS☒ ACCESSIBLE☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Vincent T. Clark

Telephone #: 359-9094

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 122

CITY, TOWN

Westernport

☐ VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code
Maryland 21562**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 335

Folio #: 561

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE
Maryland 21502**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

AL-770-107

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☒ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Duckworth Schoolhouse is located off Stoney Run Road near Westernport.

The building consists of a one story, one bay wide frame structure with german siding. It rests on a high foundation of random rubble with a plain water table. The gable front roof is covered with tar paper. Eaves consist of a cornice, soffit, and frieze, with returns. The main entrance now obscured by an addition was originally in a gabled board and batten vestibule now removed. Windows are four over one lights with a simple pediment. The original windows were two over two lights with shutters. A frame addition has been added to the south and west.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca 1867

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Scharf states in his 1881 History of Western Maryland that "In 1865 the public school system was established in Allegany County, and under it education has prospered and has been greatly extended." (1) Two years later in January of 1867, the Board of School Commissioners purchased a tract of land from Allen C. Duckworth "for the purpose of free school." (2) In an entry in his 1881 inventory of county schools Scharf identifies this school as the "Duckworth Settlement School" and Mr. Duckworth as one of the trustees of the school. (3)

The building was probably erected in 1867 in the isolated Stoney Run area northeast of Westernport. An 1880 map of the Georges' Creek mining region shows that the Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Company operated a mine in the neighborhood of the school.(4)

The one room schoolhouse is a simple gabled frame structure with german siding. Entrance was originally made through a gabled vestibule offset on the south. One of the earlier schools built under the county's public system, Duckworth Schoolhouse is a reminder of the progress of education in Allegany County.

(1) John T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Co.) p.1355 Vol. II

(2) Allegany County Lands Records, Liber 26, Folio 78

(3) John T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia:: L.H. Everts Co.) p.1355 Vol.II

(4) Ibid, P. 1446, Vol. II

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Lands Records
 Scharf, John T. History of Western Maryland. Philadelphia:
 L.H. Everts Co., 1882

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 43 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites

DATE

July 10, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

3 Pershing Street

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CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: AL-VI-D-198

DATE: 7/3/79

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Duckworth Schoolhouse

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Stony Run Rd Westernport

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

STORIES: 1(☒) 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1(☒) 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: gabled frame on south and west

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- german siding
(☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
() OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others _____

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone RANDOM RUBBLE

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other(☒) 4 1 simple ped.
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: obscured by addition
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Returns
original(☒) replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # _____
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; TAR PAPER original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 cement block Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced(☒)
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior(☒)

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: _____

SIGNIFICANCE: _____

DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____

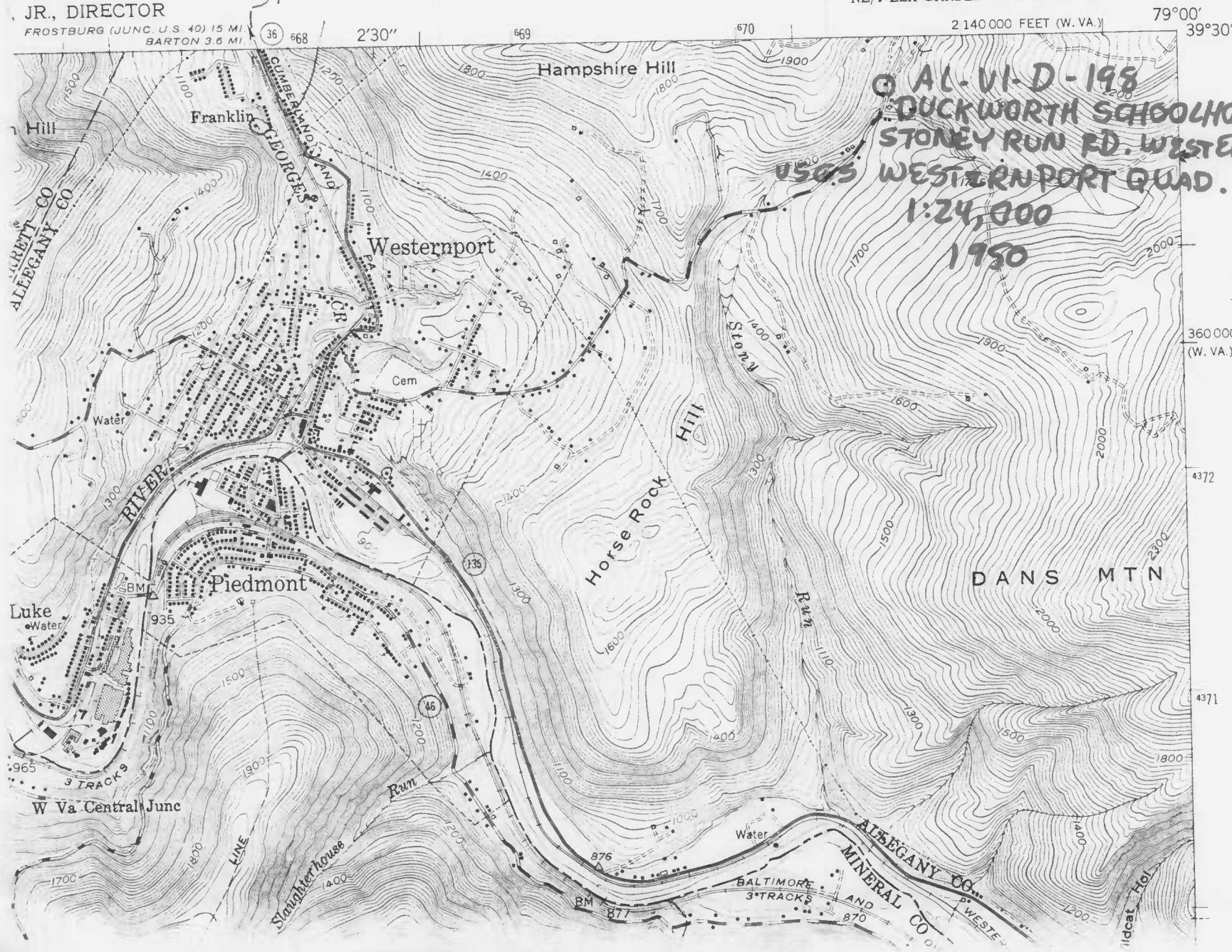
CONDITION: _____

RYLAND
AND WATER RESOURCES
JR., DIRECTOR

FROSTBURG (JUNC. U.S. 40) 15 MI
BARTON 3.6 MI

WESTERNPORT QUADRANGLE
WEST VIRGINIA-MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NE/4 ELK GARDEN 15' QUADRANGLE

5263 III SW
(LONACONING)





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DUCKWORTH SCHOOL

7/10/1979 - David Dorsey

FIGURE 78.



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DUCKWORTH SCHOOLHOUSE
STONEY RUN RD, WESTERNPORT
DAVID A. DORSEY

7/3/79

NORTHWEST



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DUCKWORTH SCHOOLHOUSE

STONE RUN RD., WESTERNPORT

DAVID A. DORSEY

7/3/79

southeast



ONE ROOM SCHOOL — This structure, located near Westernport, was established as a school by the Duckworth family before 1800. It was the last one room school in this area and was closed about 1939.

OLD LOG CABIN — On Main Street in Westernport for many years was the saloon known as the 'Old Log Cabin. The sign on the wall says that it was established in 1765. It was located where the present Welsh Saloon is now located. (Photo courtesy of Charles Welsh.)

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DUCKWORTH SCHOCHOUSE
STONEY RUN RD, WESTERNPORT
DAVID A. DORSEY

~~2/5/79~~

NORTHWEST

Photograph of 1958 photograph